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Panza's story in this volume deals a bit with, well, feelings. People's feelings are so complex, and their ways of showing them even more so—I get lost sometimes just thinking what to show and how.

— Yoshiyuki Nishi

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## Vol.9 Pansies

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Reiko Imai



Brave Judge who joined Muhyo and gang during the fight against Face-Ripper Sophie.

Hanao Ebisu (Ebisu)



Judge and Goryo's underling, fired after his failure during the showdown against Muhyo.

Daranimaru Goryo (Goryo)



An Executor and gifted strategist who considers Muhyo his rival. Head of the Goryo Group syndicate.

Page Klaus



Chief Investigator for the Magic Law Association. Yoichi's boss, and Muhyo and Enchu's former instructor.

Tomas



Member of the forbidden magic law group "Ark." He has a twisted appreciation for beauty.

Teeki



Dangerous entity marked as a traitor to the Magic Law Association for 800 years.

Nana Takenouchi (Nana)



High school student, spirit medium, and aspiring photographer. Working as an assistant photographic investigator.

Kiriko



Envoy summoned to break Muhyo's contract with Pluto (which didn't end up happening).

Kenji Sato (Kenji)



Friend of Muhyo and Roji since they saved him from a marauding ghost. A bit of a troublemaker.

# Dramatis Personae

Jiro Kusano (Roji)



Assistant at Muhyo's office, recently promoted from the lowest rank of "Second Clerk" to that of (provisional) "First Clerk." Roji has a gentle heart and has been known to freak out in the presence of spirits. Lately, he has been devoting himself to the study of magic law so that he can pull his own weight someday.

Toru Muhyo (Muhyo)



Young, genius magic law practitioner with the highest rank of "Executor." Always calm and collected (though sometimes considered cold), Muhyo possesses a strong sense of justice and even has a kind side. Sleeps a lot to recover from the exhaustion caused by his practice.

Yu Abiko (Biko)

Muhyo's classmate and an Artificer. Makes seals, pens, magic law books, and other accoutrements of magic law.



Yoichi Himukai (Yoichi)

Judge and Muhyo's former classmate. Expert practitioner of all magic law except execution.



Rio Kurotori (Rio)

Charismatic Artificer who turned traitor when the Magic Law Association stood by and let her mother die.



Soratsugu Madoka (Enchu)

Muhyo's former classmate and Executor-hopeful until one event turned him onto the traitor's path.



## The Story

Magic law is a newly established practice for judging and punishing the increasing crimes committed by spirits; those who use it are called "practitioners."

Goryo has been taken captive by Tomas (a member of the Forbidden Magic Law group known as "Ark") and turned into a half-ghost. No longer in control of his own actions, Goryo grievously wounds Ebisu, who had come to save him. However, thanks to Kiriko, Goryo's spectralization is halted, and the real fight with Tomas begins. Unfortunately, Muhyo and the gang are helpless against Tomas's all-absorbing forbidden magic law, the "Armor of Flies." The only way to break through it is to destroy Tomas's book of forbidden magic law that is concealed within the armor. Now it's up to Roji to dive into Tomas's "Styxsand" and find it!



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I...  
I CAN'T  
DO IT!

IT'S  
"ROJI!"  
...

HA...  
HA.



SHWOOO

I'M  
POWER-  
LESS...

NO  
SLEEPING!  
BAD!

ROSIE!!!



I'M  
SORRY,  
EVERY-  
ONE...

ROJI!

ACK!  
UM...  
ER...

I'M  
SORRY,  
MUHYO.



KZK!!



ROJI?!

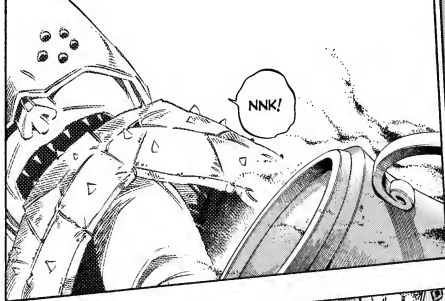
ROJI?





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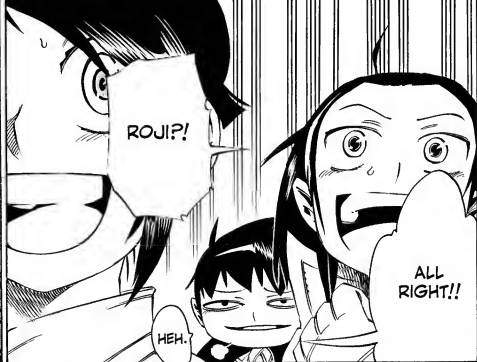




GYAAAAUGH!!!











'ELLO,  
TOMAS.



WOOSH...



I'CAUSE MY  
NEXT WORDS  
ARE SENDING  
YOU STRAIGHT  
DOWN.

ANY LAST  
WORDS?

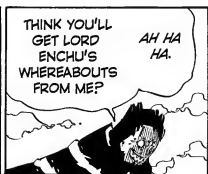


NICE  
LAST  
WORDS.



THINK YOU'LL  
GET LORD  
ENCHU'S  
WHEREABOUTS  
FROM ME?

AH HA  
HA.

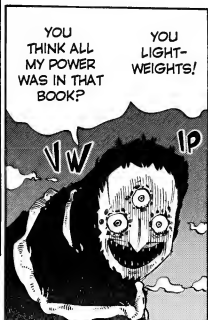


SWISH

DON'T  
TELL ME  
THIS ISN'T  
OVER?!

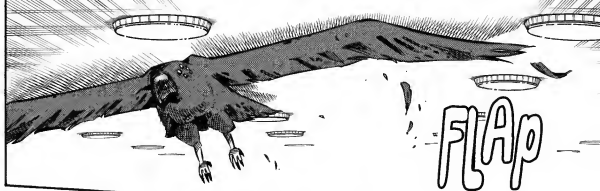
YOU  
THINK ALL  
MY POWER  
WAS IN THAT  
BOOK?

YOU  
LIGHT-  
WEIGHTS!



VW

IP





...AND  
THE  
FORGERY  
OF ECTO-  
MORPHS!

NO  
NO  
NO.

TA HA  
HA!  
OBSTRUC-  
TION?!

...  
ATTEMPTED  
MURDER  
...

FOR  
THE OB-  
STRUC-  
TION OF  
MAGIC  
LAW...



BY  
THE LAWS  
OF MAGIC,  
ARTICLE  
87-



SPIRIT  
BARRIER!



THAT'S  
MY LINE!!



JUST TELL  
US WHERE  
ENCHU IS!

GIVE IT UP  
ALREADY!

YOU TALK  
BIG, BUT  
WITHOUT  
THE BOOK,  
YOU'RE  
NOTHING.





WHAT A SHAME.



I CAN'T  
MOVE !!

MUHYO  
...!!



BUT AT  
LEAST...

I  
CAN  
KILL  
YOU  
TWO.



...ALL HE  
DOES IS  
SQUEAK.

I  
SEN-  
TENCE  
YOU...



HMPH.  
GIVE A  
RAT LAST  
WORDS...



AGH!  
ROJI'S  
TEMPERING'S  
SHOT!

TMP



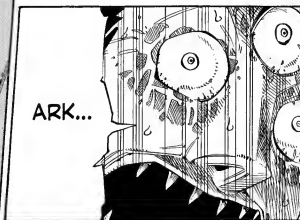






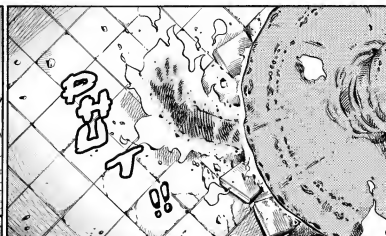
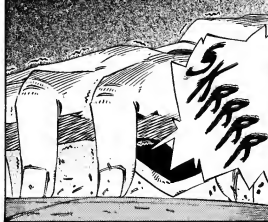
RUARIEARORORO  
URO HOROU!

(DON'T EVEN KNOW THEIR RIGHTFUL  
PLACE IS WITH YOU *BELOW!*)



ARK...

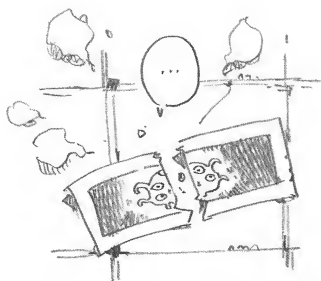




ORURIERO  
RUARARIA.  
(HE HAS BEEN  
JUDGED.)



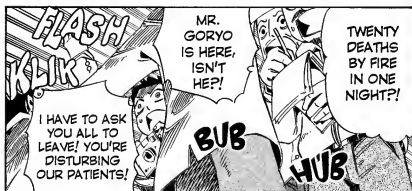




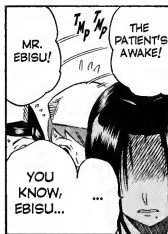
# ARTICLE 70 FOUND















I'M SO  
GLAD HE  
MADE IT!

RUB



YAAAWN.  
RIGHT!

WELL,  
CASE  
CLOSED!



AH HA  
HA...

YOU  
DO LIKE  
YOUR  
SLEEP,  
DON'T  
YOU.



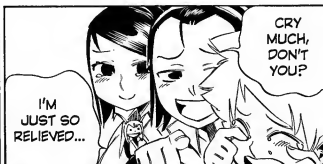
GOOD.  
I MIGHT HAVE  
LOST SOME  
SHUT-EYE IF  
HE BIT IT.



WOO WAAH HAH HAH  
WOO

AND I  
THOUGHT  
YOU  
WERE  
GROWING  
UP...

...



I'M  
JUST SO  
RELIEVED...

CRY  
MUCH,  
DON'T  
YOU?



SLAP

WHOA!  
WAIT! I DID  
THAT WITH-  
OUT EVEN  
THINKING—

THAT'S  
EVEN  
WORSE!!

MMF!

HEH.

ACK!  
C'MON,  
YOU  
TWO!

CHUCKLE

HEE  
HEE.  
SICKO.



RIGHT —

RIGHT?



HEH.

I GUESS  
SOME THINGS  
YOU NEVER  
GROW OUT  
OF.





NOT  
UNTIL  
NOW.

OF  
COURSE.  
MAGIC  
LAW IS  
FOR  
HELPING  
PEOPLE.

FUNNY  
HOW  
I NEVER  
GOT  
THAT.



IF ONLY  
MASTER  
GORYO HAD  
MET THEM  
EARLIER...



...



!  
HA HA  
HA HA



FEET







I WISH OUR  
MASTER'S  
TEACHER WAS  
AROUND. SHE  
COULD—

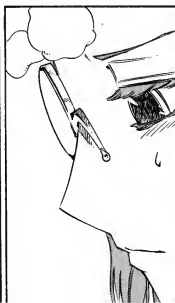
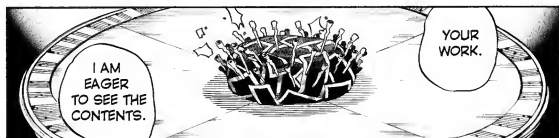


THEY'RE THE  
TOUGHEST  
ARTIFACTS  
TO MAKE,  
RIGHT?!



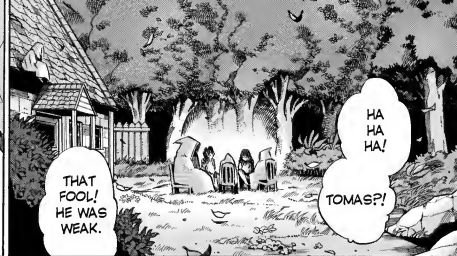
WE'RE NOT  
SUPPOSED  
TO TALK  
ABOUT HER,  
REMEMBER?







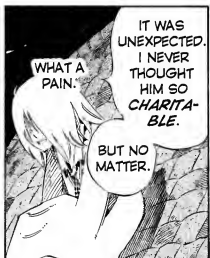
IT WAS  
ONE NAMED  
MUHYO—  
NOT GORYO—  
WHO DID  
HIM IN.



THAT  
FOOL!  
HE WAS  
WEAK.

HA  
HA  
HA!

TOMAS?!



WHAT A  
PAIN.

IT WAS  
UNEXPECTED.  
I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
HIM SO  
CHARITA-  
BLE.

BUT NO  
MATTER.



SAVING  
THE VERY MAN  
WHO STOLE  
HIS OFFICE!



THAT'S  
ODD.

WHO  
CAN  
SAY?



IRRZA.

THE  
BOY  
GENIUS?  
WHY?



ON  
TO THE  
NEXT.



GRIT...

YES!

MUHYO'S  
SIDEKICK.

IT'S  
HIS  
TURN  
NOW.

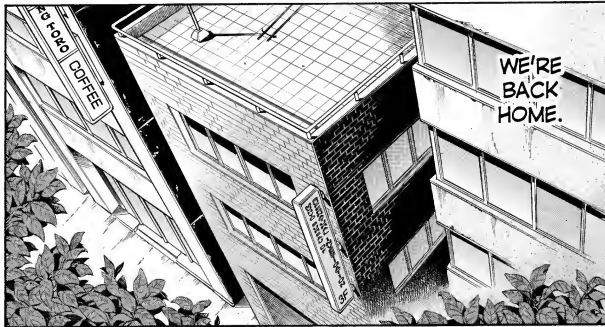
YES.

HIM.



AH,  
YES.









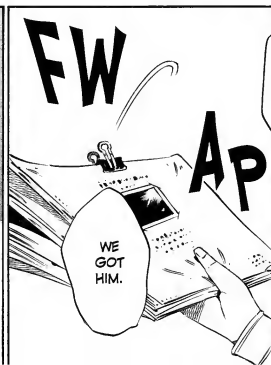












ARTICLE 71  
**HEADING OUT**

FOR  
MAGIC  
INVESTIGATION

File No. 6512

I'LL ONLY  
EXPLAIN  
THIS  
ONCE,  
YOU  
TWO.

SO  
LISTEN  
UP!

IT'S REALLY HAPPENING!

KL

HUHP  
IT'S OPEN—

I'LL BE  
FRANK.

TMP TMP

TMP

TIME FOR  
LORD KENJI  
TO MAKE AN  
APPEARANCE!

SPROUT-  
MAN AND  
ONION-  
BOY ARE  
BACK!

TMP

TMP

SHUP

HEY!!

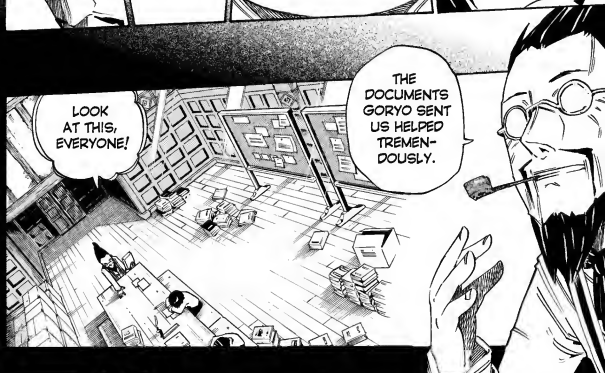




BEYOND  
A  
DOUBT.



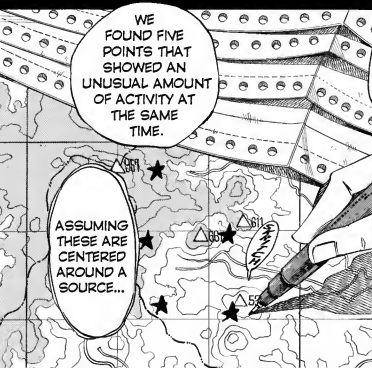
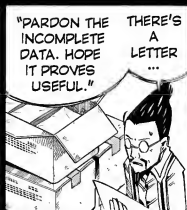
THAT'S  
WHERE  
HE IS.







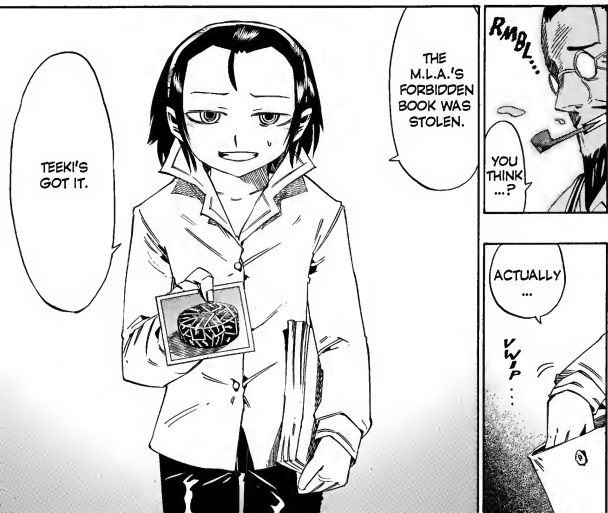
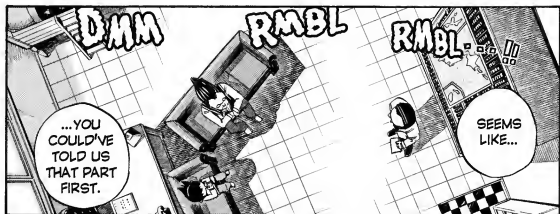
BUT THEY ATTRACT SPIRITS INSTEAD OF METAL! THIS IS EXTENSIVE!





IT USED TO BE  
CALLED THE  
M.L.A. HEAD-  
QUARTERS.

A small town with several buildings, including a church with a steeple, is nestled in a valley surrounded by trees and hills.





\* A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS, LETHAL PLAGUE OF THE 14TH CENTURY.

THE  
BOOK WAS  
COMPLETED  
30 YEARS  
LATER.

BADLY  
HURT, HE  
CURSED THE  
WORLD.

ONLY  
THE FATHER  
SURVIVED.

ONE DAY,  
AN ALCHEMIST  
FAMILY'S HOUSE  
WAS BURNED.

THERE, HE  
COLLECTED THE  
100,000 SOULS  
HE NEEDED.

THE ALCHEMIST  
HID ON A HOLY  
MOUNTAIN FOR  
20 YEARS.

AND  
IT WAS  
FULL.

ALL IT  
CON-  
TAINED  
WAS HIS  
HATE.

THE BOOK  
CLAIMED  
MORE THAN  
5 MILLION  
SOULS.

THE GREAT  
MASSACRE  
THAT  
CAME NEXT  
HAS BEEN  
FORGOTTEN  
BY HISTORY.

PEOPLE  
BLAMED  
THE  
PLAGUE.

F...  
FIVE  
MILLION  
?!



...IT  
CAN  
RAISE  
THE  
DEAD.



THE  
BOOK  
HAS LAIN  
SLEEPING  
FOR 600  
YEARS.

SOME  
SAY...

THE M.L.A.  
TOOK THE  
BOOK INTO  
SAFEKEEPING.  
IT IS SAID GREAT  
BLACK WHORLS  
ARCED BETWEEN  
THE CLOUDS  
THAT DAY.



MAYBE  
HE WAS  
JUST  
SAD.

AND HE  
MADE THE  
BOOK TO GET  
HIS FAMILY  
BACK?



?



OUT  
WITH  
IT.



MAYBE THAT  
ALCHEMIST  
DIDN'T HATE,  
LIKE THE  
LEGEND  
SAYS.



WHAT I  
PREDICT...



OR  
RATHER

...WHAT  
I HOPE  
IS...



FWOO





EVEN IF  
THERE IS  
HOPE...

FA  
P

BAH.  
ENOUGH.



GO,  
MUHYO!

THAT'S  
TRUE  
ENOUGH.

WELL,  
YEAH.

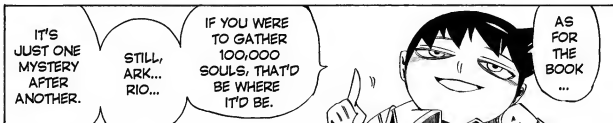
GOOD  
POINT!



IT AIN'T  
COMING TO  
NOTHING  
UNTIL WE  
GO DRAG  
'EM BACK  
HERE.

THERE'S  
OUR  
MUHYO  
...

HM  
PH  
!!

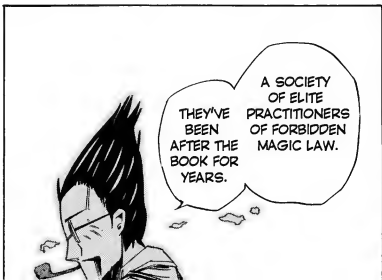


IT'S  
JUST ONE  
MYSTERY  
AFTER  
ANOTHER.

STILL,  
ARK...  
RIO...

IF YOU WERE  
TO GATHER  
100,000  
SOULS, THAT'D  
BE WHERE  
IT'D BE.

AS  
FOR  
THE BOOK  
...



THEY'VE  
BEEN  
AFTER THE  
BOOK FOR  
YEARS.

A SOCIETY  
OF ELITE  
PRACTITIONERS  
OF FORBIDDEN  
MAGIC LAW.



WHAT  
THE  
HECK  
IS IT  
ANY-  
WAY?!

"ARK"!  
TOMAS  
MENTIONED  
THAT!



THE BOOK HAS  
POWERS BOTH OF  
DESTRUCTION  
AND RESTORATION,  
BUT IN THEIR  
HANDS, IT WILL  
ONLY BRING  
ABOUT ONE THING.



TOO  
BAD THEY  
HOOKED  
UP WITH  
ENCHU.

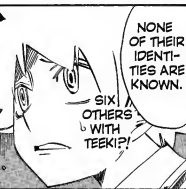


THERE ARE  
SIX IN ARK  
NOW THAT  
TOMAS IS  
GONE.



NONE  
OF THEIR  
IDENTITIES  
ARE KNOWN.

SIX  
OTHERS  
WITH  
TEEKIP!



THEIR  
DESIRE FOR  
THE BOOK  
BROUGHT  
THEM  
TOGETHER.

AND THE  
KEY TO  
MAKING  
IT ALL  
WORK...



DESTRUCTION.





'CAUSE  
THEY CAN'T  
OPEN IT  
WITHOUT  
A GOOD  
ARTIFICER.

HEE  
HEE.



...IT WILL  
TAKE AT  
LEAST 30  
MORE DAYS  
TO OPEN.

BASED  
ON THE  
PHOTO-  
GRAPH  
WE  
HAVE  
...

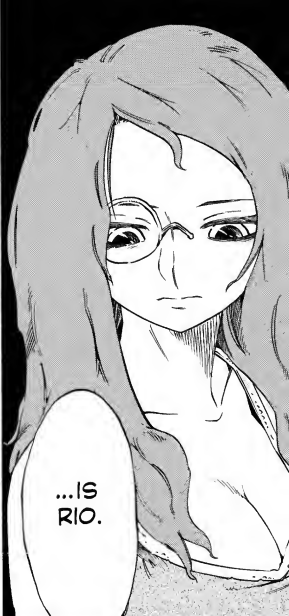
10k...



Z A A

...SO  
THEY  
CAN OFFER  
LITTLE  
HELP.

THE  
M.L.A. IS  
TERRIFIED  
THIS WILL  
GET OUT...



...IS  
RIO.



WHAT'S  
WORSE  
...

...WE ARE  
ALONE.



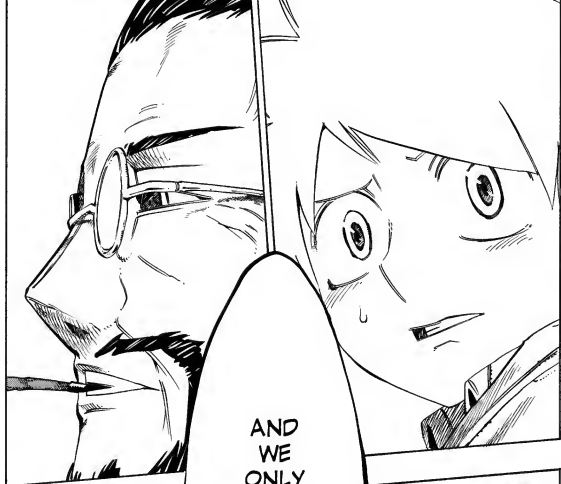
WE  
HAVE NO  
TIME TO  
WASTE.



PROBABLY  
BY KILLING.

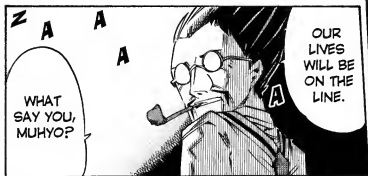


IF THEY  
BREAK THE  
SEAL, TEEKI  
WILL START  
COLLECTING  
SOULS.



AND  
WE  
ONLY  
HAVE  
30 DAYS  
TO SAFELY  
RETRIEVE  
THE BOOK,  
ENCHU,  
AND  
RIO!







...BUT  
I'VE GOT  
PLENTY  
TO SAY  
TO HIM.



I KNOW  
WHY HE'S  
JEALOUS  
OF YOU...

AND  
I THINK  
I GET WHY  
HE HATES.



I MIGHT  
NOT KNOW  
MUCH  
ABOUT  
ENCHU...



YOU TAKE  
ON TOO MUCH,  
MUHYO!



HOW  
CAN YOU  
EVEN SAY  
THAT?!



MAYBE  
IT'S TOO  
LATE, BUT  
STILL...

BUT HIS  
MOTHER SURELY  
WOULDN'T HAVE  
WANTED *THIS*!



AND  
I'M ALL  
ABOUT  
MAGIC  
LAW!

...MAGIC  
LAW  
IS FOR  
HELPING  
PEOPLE.

BESIDES  
...



KREEK...

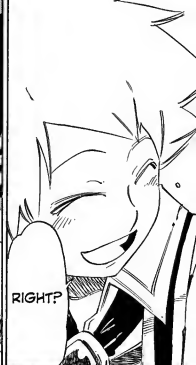
IT'S LIKE  
ONION-  
BOY  
SAYS!

!



HEH.

AT  
LEAST  
YOU  
TALK  
THE  
TALK.



RIGHT?



GUESS  
I'M  
NOT  
WELCOME  
...

SILENCE.....

WHOA.  
AWK-  
WARD.

HI  
THERE  
...



WEE

EEN

WHA--?  
KENUJIP!

LOOK!  
I'M  
ONION-  
BOY!

YOU'RE  
IN OVER  
YOUR  
HEAD,  
SPROUT!



UNGH

UM...

YOU  
GUYS  
KEEP  
ON  
TALKING.  
I'LL  
BE  
READING  
JABIN  
OVER  
HERE.

NEVER  
MIND.  
NEXT  
TIME.



OH,  
SORRY.  
THIS IS  
PAGE  
KLAUS,  
MUHYO'S--  
ME?



NOT  
GONNA  
INTRODUCE  
YER  
FRIENDS?  
TCH.









HE'LL  
GIVE IT  
BACK.

'SOKAY.

BUT  
THAT'S  
LIKE  
YOUR  
TRADE-  
MARK,  
MAN!



O



YEAH,  
SO?



EH?! YOU  
GAVE 'IM  
YOUR  
HAT?!







LEAVE AS  
SOON AS  
YOU ARE  
READY.

ZUP



TWIK

THEN  
IT HAS  
FOUND  
A GOOD  
MASTER.

TWIK



TSK  
TSK  
TSK.



TEEK!!

I  
WANT  
TO GO  
TOO!!



NEXT  
TIME.

SWISH!

LORD  
MADOKA  
SAID  
NOTHING  
OF YOU.



PLEASE...



HMP  
PANZA?

TEEKI!!

LEAVE  
IT TO THE  
BLOOD-  
THIRSTY.

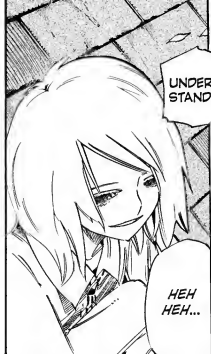
HE WANTS  
A CERTAIN  
SPROUT  
NAMED  
KUSANO  
BROKEN.

## ARTICLE 72 TWO SHADOWS

DON'T  
YOU  
DARE  
CALL  
ROJI  
THAT!!

I'LL BITE  
THAT MASK  
OF YOURS  
OFF! I WILL!!

K O H H H



GOOD  
LUCK TO  
BOTH OF  
YOU.



# A FOREST ROAD IN NAGANO

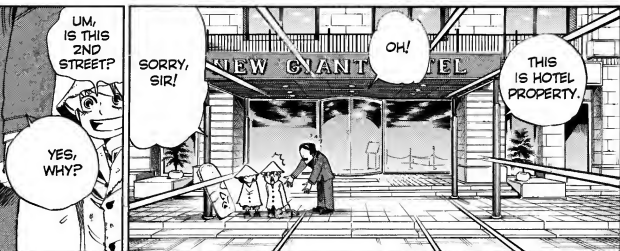
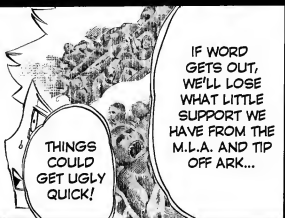








WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF!















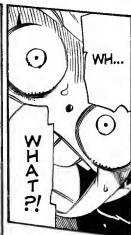


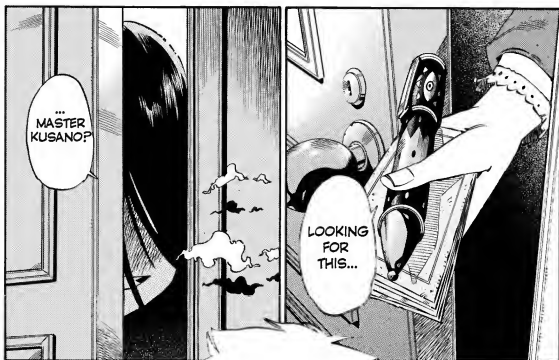














**CHECK  
IT  
OUT!**

THE STAFFERS LIKE  
DRAWING KOOKY PICTURES,  
SO HERE'RE A FEW!  
(THERE'RE LOTS MORE!)



**SOME  
FUN  
ART**



BY TSUYOPON



BY FUKUDA



BY ENDO



BY KIMURA

# ARTICLE 73

# PANZA



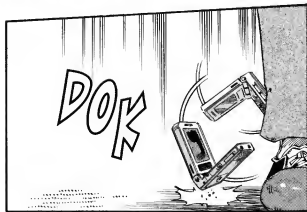
















HEE  
HEE  
HEE.

B A B U M P

B A B U M P

B A B U M P

B A B U M P

B A B U M P

HOW  
ABOUT  
"ETERNITY"  
?

I LIKE  
THAT.



SHE'S  
NOT  
HUMAN  
!!



WHAT  
DO I  
DO...?

I'VE  
GOT  
NOTHING.  
NO PEN...  
NOTHING!



AND IMAI  
WENT  
TO THE  
FRONT  
DESK...!



MUHYO  
AND  
UMEKICHI  
ARE STILL  
EATING...





JUST  
REMEM-  
BER  
WHAT  
I SAID.



NO  
MATTER  
WHAT.

RUN.  
GET  
AWAY.



ROJIP



GRAB!!

!!





I'M  
COMING,  
ROJI.





I DECREE  
MAGINESTHE-  
TYZATION.

ZA

POW

SHWO

YOU  
STOPPED  
THEM  
ALL!

AMAZ-  
ING!

...!!



WE'RE  
GONNA  
DIE...  
DIE!!

IT'S  
NOT  
WORK-  
ING!!

MUK

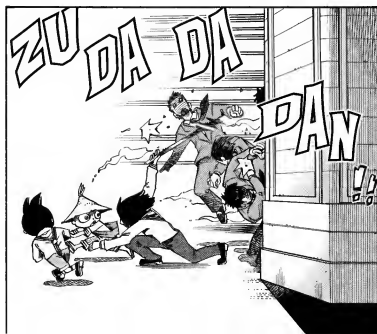
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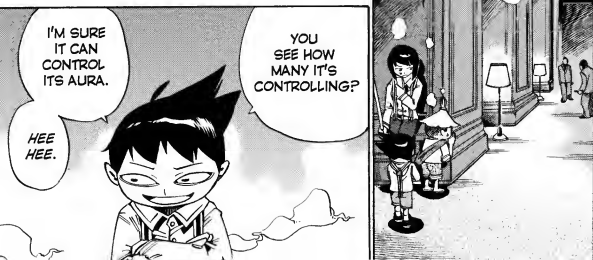
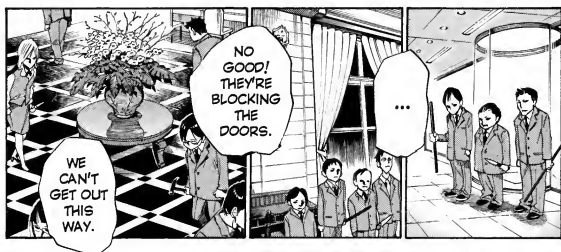
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FEH! NOT  
ENOUGH,  
APPAR-  
ENTLY.

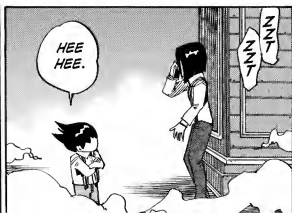
BUT MY  
BOSS!  
I CAN'T  
LEAVE HER  
ALONE!

MUK











ZUP

THAT  
WAS  
TROUBLE.



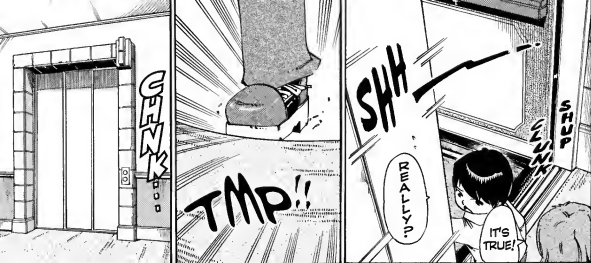
ZUP

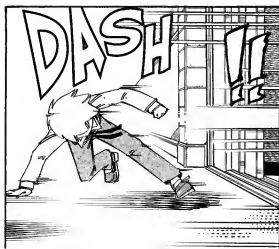
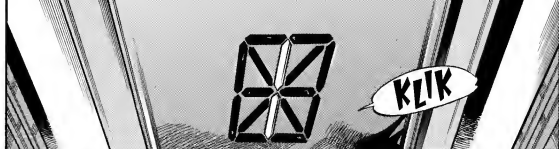


THAT  
ELEVATOR'S  
THE QUICKEST  
WAY TO THE  
RESTAURANT...















Q: ARE ALL THE ENVOYS MUHYO SUMMONS SCARY?  
OR ARE THERE NICE ONES LIKE YUURI AND THE  
SEVEN-FACED DOG?

-ANONYMOUS, MIYAGI PREFECTURE

A: THEY'RE MOSTLY THE SCARY "SOULS! I WANT  
TO DEVOUR MORE SOULS!" TYPE. OUTSIDE OF A  
CONTRACT, EXECUTORS ARE JUST PEOPLE AND  
ENVOYS ARE JUST MONSTERS. THE SEVEN-  
FACED DOG AND YUURI ARE EXCEPTIONS  
THOUGH. IF THEY SPEND ENOUGH TIME  
TOGETHER, A FRIENDSHIP CAN DEVELOP  
BETWEEN EXECUTOR AND ENVOY. THE SEVEN-  
FACED DOG IS REALLY MORE OF A PET THAN A  
FRIEND THOUGH. MUHYO'S A GOOD TRAINER...

Q: THOSE ENVOYS FROM THE UNDERWORLD ARE PRETTY  
TOUGH, BUT I WAS WONDERING, ARE THERE GIRL  
ENVOYS AND BOY ENVOYS? DO THEY EVER FALL  
IN LOVE?

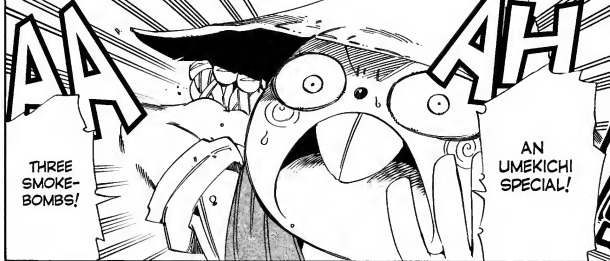
-N.A., KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE

A: UM... LET'S ASK YUURI, SHALL WE?



HE LOOKED OFF INTO THE DISTANCE AND  
SAID NOTHING FOR TEN MINUTES... SO  
I'M GUESSING THE ANSWER'S "YEAH."









NICE  
GOING,  
PANZA!



HMM.

SMART  
ONE,  
EHP?



HE'S  
WORKING  
ON A  
PLAN...

?  
I  
CAN'T  
MOVE  
THEM?

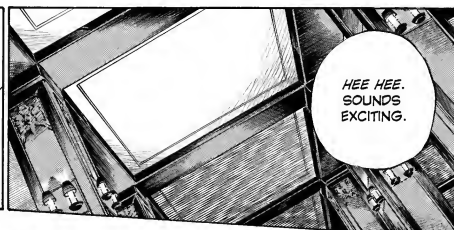


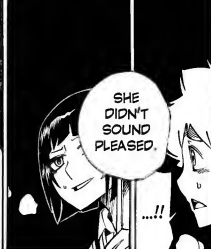
I SEE YOU  
DECIDED TO  
COME...

## ARTICLE 74 PUPPETEER



...MICK.







WE  
NEVER  
KNEW  
SHE  
WAS A  
GHOST!

YET  
NONE  
OF US  
SENSED  
HER.



NOT  
EVEN  
CLOSE.

SHE'S NO  
COMMON  
HAUNT.

URK



THAT, AND  
SHE WAS  
READY.

...SHE  
KNEW  
WE'D BE  
MEETING  
HERE.

FOR ONE  
THING  
...



REMEMBER  
HOW  
SLEEPY  
ROJI  
GOT?



AFTER  
DRINKING  
PANZA'S  
TEA!



SECONDLY, SHE  
EXECUTED A DIVIDE-AND-  
CONQUER STRATEGY.



WHO  
ELSE  
WOULD  
WANT TO  
KILL US?

BESIDES,  
IT HAS TO  
BE ARK.

AND SHE  
CALLED  
ME TO THE  
FRONT RIGHT  
AFTER WE  
REACHED  
ROJI'S  
ROOM.



WHY  
DIDN'T SHE  
KILL ME?



HEH  
HEE  
HEE.

YEP.  
SURE  
DOES.



B-  
BUT  
WAIT!

THEN  
THAT  
MEANS  
THEY'RE  
ON TO  
US!



HUHP  
THIS?

POINT  
THAT  
THING  
AWAY!

WHERE'D  
YOU GET  
THAT  
SCARY-  
LOOKING  
THING?



OH,  
WELL,  
I LOST  
MY PEN  
AND  
ALL.

FLIK FLIK



UNNNGH.  
GREAT.  
JUST  
GREAT.



COULD  
I REALLY  
HAVE MET  
HER SOME-  
WHERE?

AND  
JUST  
NOT  
KNOW  
IT?











HOW THEY  
WERE SO  
COLD?



THEN SHE  
JUST TUGS  
ON THEM TO  
CONTROL  
HER PUPPET.

THAT  
MUST  
BE HOW  
THE  
THREADS  
ARE AT-  
TACHED.

RIGHT!

SHE  
STICKS  
THEM ON  
WITH A  
TOUCH...



SHE  
TOUCHED  
HIM!



!!  
I  
GET  
IT!



OH.  
  
AND ONE  
OTHER  
THING.



WE  
JUST  
CAN'T  
LET HER  
TOUCH  
US.

IF WE  
FIND HER,  
WE'LL HAVE  
HER. MOST  
CONTROLLERS  
AREN'T  
STRONG  
THEMSELVES.

SHE'S  
PROBABLY  
INSIDE THE  
HOTEL.

TIME TO  
FIND THE  
PUPPETEER.









... RIGHT?



THIS IS A JOKE ...

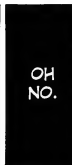


JUDGE IMAI?

EXEC-  
UTOR MU-  
HYOP



JUDGE IMAI  
TOUCHED  
ROJI WHEN  
SHE WAS  
TYING  
HIM UP!

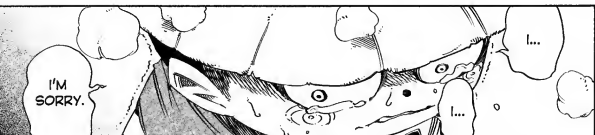


OH  
NO.



SHIVER

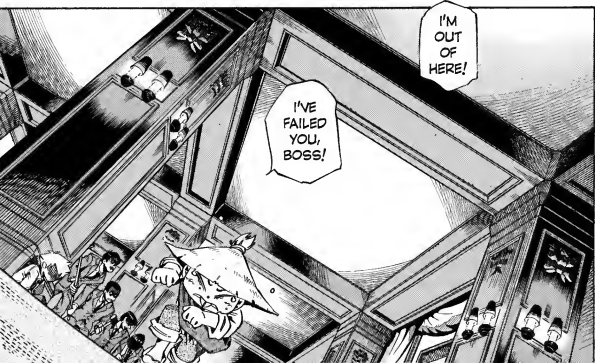
SHIVER



I'M  
SORRY.

I...

I...



I'M  
OUT  
OF  
HERE!

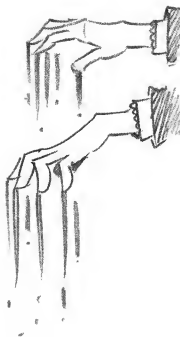
I'VE  
FAILED  
YOU,  
BOSS!

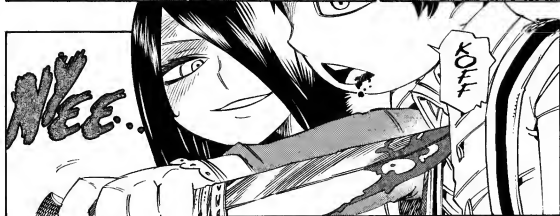










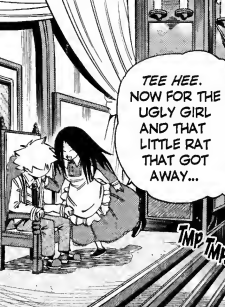


ARTICLE 75  
**HAUNTED  
BY THE PAST**



# ARTICLE 75 HAUNTED BY THE PAST





TEE HEE.  
NOW FOR THE  
UGLY GIRL  
AND THAT  
LITTLE RAT  
THAT GOT  
AWAY...

TMP TMP



MU-  
HYO  
...

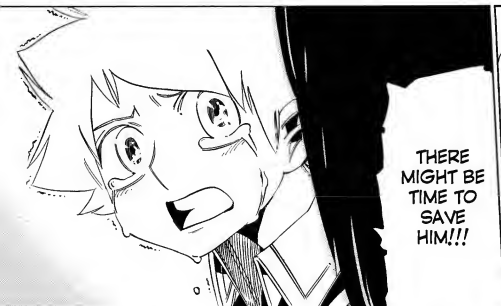


NO...



I  
DID  
IT, I  
DID  
IT, I  
DID  
IT!  
  
I'VE  
GOT  
ROU!  
ALL TO  
MYSELF,  
YOU  
LITTLE  
SHRIMP  
!!!

I  
DID  
IT!



THERE  
MIGHT BE  
TIME TO  
SAVE  
HIM!!!



EVERY-  
THING'S  
COMING  
GETH-

UNTIE  
ME!



I'M  
COMING  
!!!

MUHYO!  
HANG IN  
THERE!!



HURRY  
!!!!

WHY...

!!

SLAM

GRRR



...EHP?

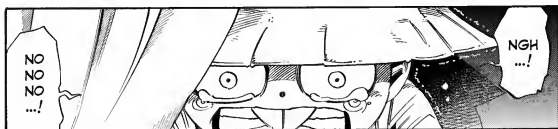
ARE  
YOU  
MAD?

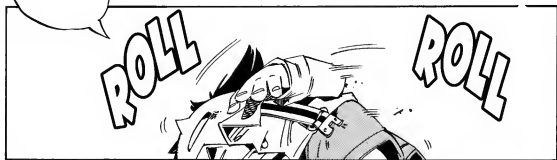
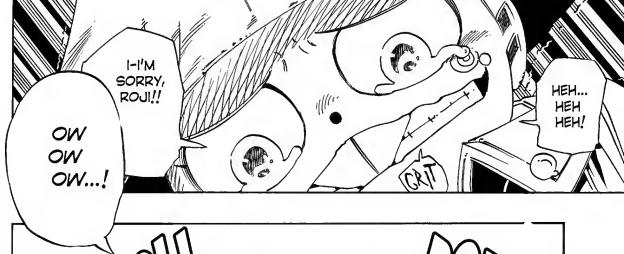


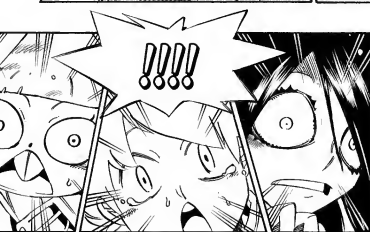
YOU  
HAVE TO  
UNTIE  
ME!

GRRR





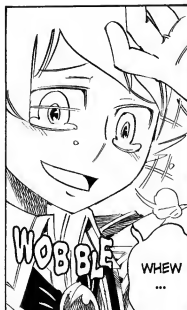














HE'S GREAT FOR DRAWING THEM OUT.

JUST AGAINST ILLUSIONISTS AND PUPPETEERS AND THE LIKE.

YOU CAN'T USE HIM ALL THE TIME.

MOST ENVOYS CAN ONLY BE CALLED TO DEAL WITH A CRIME IN PROGRESS, BUT NOT HIM.

IT'S CALLED THE SEVEN-FACED DOG.



HEH HEH HEH.

HEH HEH HEH.

SO I MESSED UP YOUR LAUGH ONCE OR TWICE.

OH. OH HO. YOU CUT ME DEEP.

UTTERLY WORTHLESS OTHERWISE.



AND I BROUGHT 'ER TO YA, D'INNAEP?

BUT I DID FOOL THE LASS.



YOU LITTLE CHEATER!!

HEE HEH. IDIOT.

YOU...

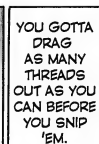
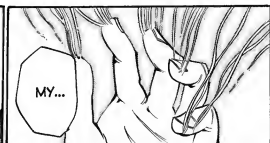
WHILE IMAI WAS OFF TRYING TO RESCUE YOUR SORRY BUTT.

BUT WHEN DID YOU SWITCH?







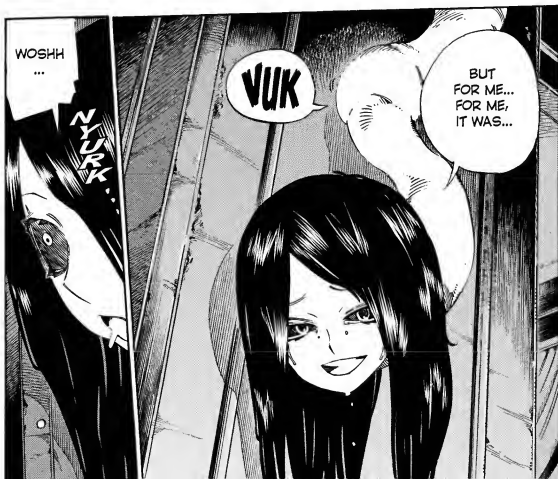
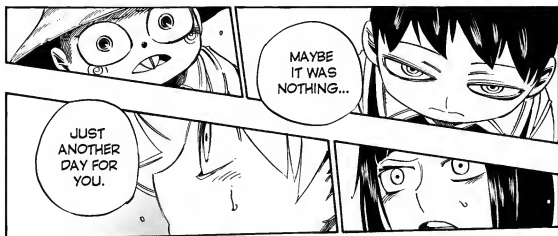


















Q: I NOTICED THAT UNDER HIS COOL  
CAPE, MUHYO WEARS BRIGHT RED  
PANTS. WHY?

-M., TOKUSHIMA PREFECTURE

A: WELL, IT'S STANDARD M.L.S. UNIFORM,  
BUT THOSE PANTS... *\*WHISPER\** THIS IS  
TOTALLY A SECRET, BUT THOSE PANTS  
ARE FROM THE KIDS DEPARTMENT! SEE,  
THEY COULDN'T FIND AN ADULT PAIR  
SMALL ENOUGH TO—

EEEEK!

GRRAAAAAH!







FOR THE  
CRIME  
OF PUPPET-  
EERING...



WAIT,  
MUHYO,  
HANG  
ON!



I SENTENCE  
YOU TO THE  
MAGILITH  
QUEEN!



EVERY-  
ONE,  
JUST  
CALM  
DOWN!



THE  
TRAFFIC  
LIGHT'S  
OUT!

A  
BLACK-  
OUT?!



SKR EE

HEY!



PARADISE C

HEY,  
CAN YOU  
LIGHT  
THIS?

HUH  
?!  
YO, BAR-  
ENDER!



I'M  
GETTING  
THE CAN-  
DLES.

LOOK,  
JUST  
HANG  
ON.

WZ  
WZ

GEEZ,  
IT'S  
PITCH  
BLACK...

I'M  
SCARED!



DROP...



...AH?



LOOK,  
THIS IS AN  
EMER-  
GEN-

PIZZA  
BURGER

IT'S  
OVER.

ARTICLE 76  
**SPIRIT  
DISTIL-  
LATION**

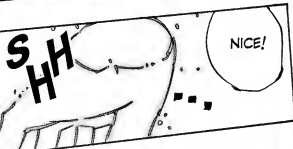
TIME'S  
UP.







KYA  
HA HA  
HA!

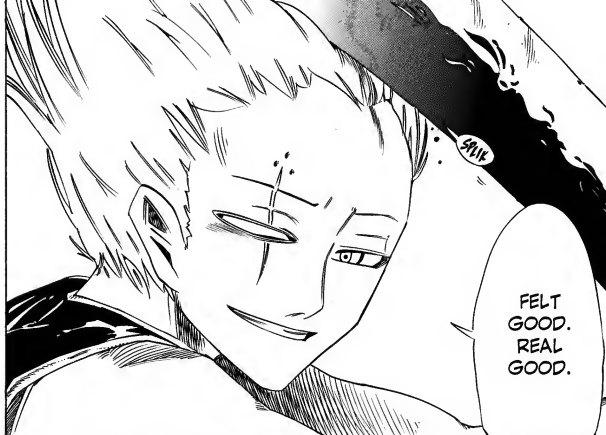


NICE!



DID YOU  
SEE  
THAT  
CUT?





FELT  
GOOD.  
REAL  
GOOD.



LIKE  
MAGGOTS,  
THESE  
GUYS.

ALWAYS  
MORE  
SQUIRMING  
OUT.

NO!

IT  
CAN'T  
BE!

EH...?!

WHAT  
NOW?!

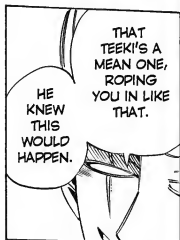
VU  
VUH

VU  
H

AH...

MICK!







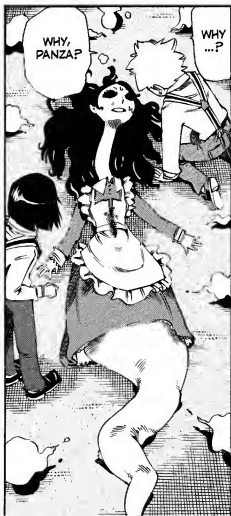
THANKS  
FOR  
WARMING  
THEM UP  
FOR ME!

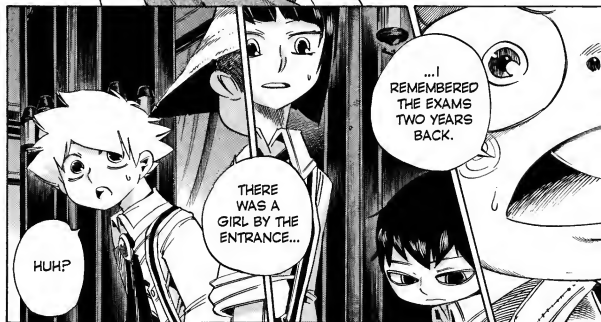




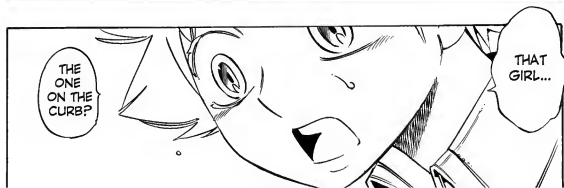








BY THE DOOR TO THE HALL...?





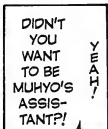






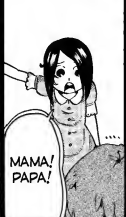


ARTICLE 77  
**PANSIES**





WHAT'S THAT?



MAMA!  
PAPA!



I REMEMBER  
MY  
PARENTS...  
THEY WERE  
HAPPY.



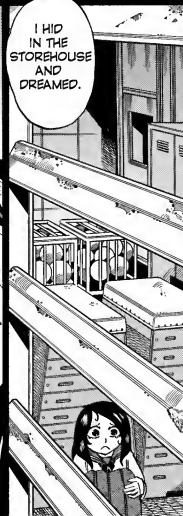
IT  
DOESN'T  
MAKE YOU  
SPECIAL,  
CHIYO!

BUT THEY  
DIDN'T LIKE  
IT WHEN  
I *SENSED*  
THINGS.

THERE'S  
NO SUCH  
THING AS  
GHOSTS,  
CHIYO!



WHEN  
WOULD  
HE  
COME?



I HID  
IN THE  
STOREHOUSE  
AND  
DREAMED.



AT  
SCHOOL,  
I WAS  
ALONE.

EW.  
WHAT  
A  
FREAK.

SHE  
CAN  
SEE  
SPIRITS  
?!

WHAT?



MY...

WHEN  
WOULD  
HE COME  
HELP  
ME...?



CHILDISH,  
I KNOW.

...KNIGHT IN  
SHINING  
ARMOR!

BUT...I  
BELIEVED!



HERE'S  
SOME  
MONEY  
TOO.

I FILLED IT  
ALL OUT  
FOR YOU.



THEY  
WANT  
YOU  
HERE!

LOOK,  
CHIYO!



YOU UNDER-  
STAND?



DON'T COME  
HOME,  
OKAY?



PAPA

OW...

CHIYO...

**GRIP..**



I MUST  
HAVE  
LOST MY  
FORM ON  
THE WAY.

WHAT  
?!  
MY APPLI-  
CATION  
FORM!!



I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
HOW I  
GOT TO  
THE M.L.A.

IS THIS  
YOURS?

**FOR...**



OH,  
MISS?

MISS?

**PUT PUT PUT PUT PUT PUT**



WHAT-  
EVER.

EX-  
CUSE  
ME...

HEH.

YOU'RE  
HERE FOR  
THE TEST?



SELLING  
MATCHES,  
LITTLE  
GIRL?

OUT  
OF MY  
WAY.

**HA HA**

GO  
HOME.



IT WAS THE  
ONLY THING  
I HAD LEFT.  
I LOOKED  
EVERYWHERE  
FOR IT.

IT'S  
GONE.

**GONE!**



WHAT  
GOOD  
AM I?



WHY  
LIVE?

UM...



I FELT  
LIKE I  
WANTED  
TO DIE.

I...  
S N I F

UNH  
...



I  
THOUGHT  
THEY'D  
HELP.

I  
THOUGHT  
THE M.I.A.  
COULD  
HELP ME.



DO  
YOU  
WANT  
IT?



I HAVE  
AN EXTRA  
APPLICATION  
FORM...

SHAA A A A...

!!



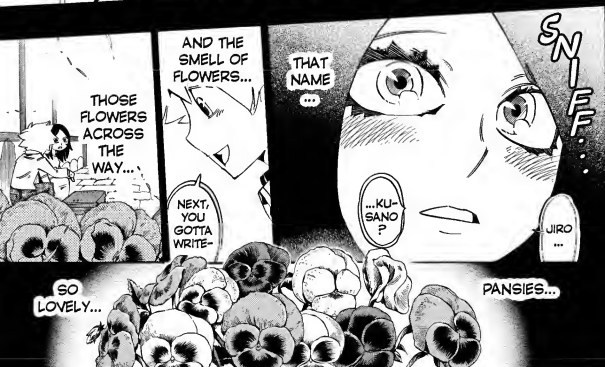
MISS?

20,000!!

!!









I'D  
FOUND MY  
KNIGHT IN  
SHINING  
ARMOR!

SO I  
FOLLOWED  
HIM.

HEY,  
ROUL.  
WHERE'S  
THAT TEA?

DON'T  
LEAVE  
ME  
ALONE!

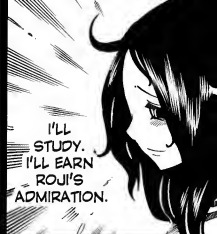
DON'T  
LEAVE!  
PLEASE

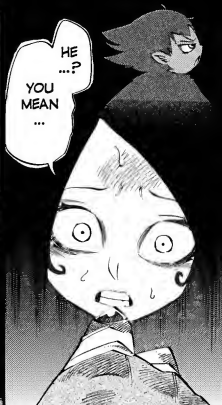
I  
COULDN'T  
LOSE HIM.

...TO  
TALK  
TO HIM  
AGAIN.

I  
WANT-  
ED...









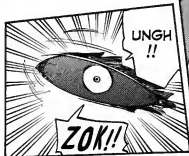
THE  
DISTILLA-  
TION  
FREED  
YOU  
FROM  
TEEKI'S  
GRASP.



SHH!!

TSK  
TSK  
TSK...

THEY  
MADE ME A  
PRACTITIONER.



UNGH  
!!

ZOK!!

AND  
WHY DO  
I SEE SO  
CLEARLY  
NOW?

HOW  
COULD  
I LET  
HATE  
TAKE  
OVER?



WHAT'S  
HAPPEN-  
ING?!



!!

POKPOK  
POKPOK

Noooo!!



KRAK

I  
DECREE  
A DE-  
BRAND-  
ING!



BY THE  
LAWS OF  
MAGIC,  
SPECIAL  
PROVISION  
25—

VUH

VUU



IT'S  
TEEKI.

HE'S  
A SORE  
LOSER.

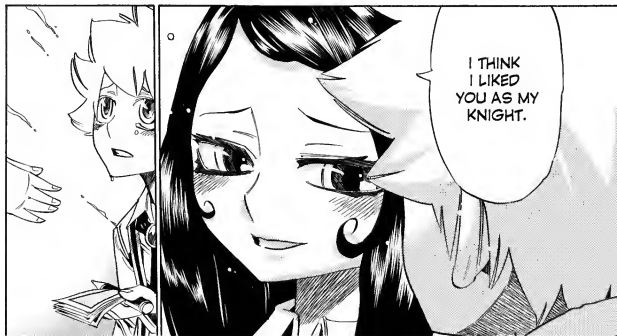
ZUP







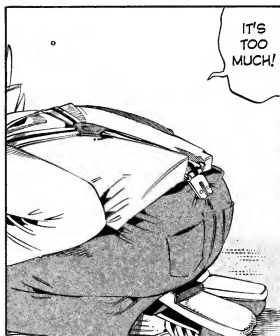








...  
PANSIES  
...



IT'S  
TOO  
MUCH!



NO...





IT'S  
NOT  
FAIR!



WHY'D  
THIS  
HAVE  
TO  
HAPPEN  
TO  
HER?

THAT  
POOR  
THING  
...



TOO...  
HORRIBLE  
!!



THAT'S  
FOR  
SURE.

HE  
KNOWS  
HOW TO  
MAKE  
'EM.



TEEKI!!



VWEEN



?!



OLD  
MASK-  
FACE'S  
GOT IT  
COMING!

OOO...!!

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